

## November 10

**1871** Author Winston Churchill was born in St. Louis. (Three years before that other fellow named Winston Churchill) His most famous work, *The Crisis*, depicts St. Louis during the Civil War. *The Crossing* was published to coincide with the World's Fair, and tells the story of the first great westward movement after the American Revolution.

**1871** John Rowlands Stanley uttered his famous words "Doctor Livingstone, I presume" as he met the missing Scottish missionary on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Africa. Rowlands was a former reporter for the *Globe-Democrat*. It was there he earned a reputation that got him hired at the New York *Herald*, which sent him to Africa.

**1902** After meeting with Olympic games officials in Chicago, David R. Francis, President of the World's Fair Company, announced that there was "every possibility" the Olympics would be held in conjunction with the World's Fair here instead of Chicago.

**1907** The World's Fair Corporation Board of Directors formerly returned to the city the portion of Forest Park used for the fair. The board said the city had gained \$500,000 in improvements during the three years it took to remove the buildings and restore the park.

**1907** Father Dunne's Newsboys home at Washington and Garrison was dedicated to the homeless "Newsies" of St. Louis. The home still cares for homeless boys today. It is now located in Florissant.

**1907** Jane Froman was born in University City. She was named the top female singer in 1934. On February 22, 1943, she nearly lost a leg in a plane crash in Portugal while on a USO tour. Froman underwent 39 operations. Two years later, she would perform 95 shows for the soldiers while on crutches. Susan Hayward was nominated for an Oscar for her portrayal in the Hollywood version of Froman's life, *With a Song in My Heart* in 1952. Froman hosted her own TV show from 1952 to 1955.

**1908** Farmers around Manchester warned that they had organized a vigilance committee to punish "automobile scorchers." They warned they would stretch chains across the Manchester Road to snag any vehicle whose driver tried to get away.

**1910** The McKinley Bridge officially opened. The bridge is not named for President William McKinley. It was for Congressman William McKinley, then president of the Illinois Traction Company, later the Terminal Railroad Association. The bridge carried U.S. 66 traffic from 1926 until 1932.

**1912** The *Post-Dispatch* reported on the phenomena of the "St. Louis Death Reel." Albert Bond Lambert owned the film taken of aviation pioneers at an air meet in 1912 at Kinloch Field. Seven of the aviators shown on the film had since died. The film also showed Teddy Roosevelt becoming the first president to fly in an airplane. Roosevelt had recently been wounded in an assassination attempt.

**1926** Thousands turned out to get a glimpse of Romania's Queen Marie. Her special train stopped at Lindell and Union, where a committee of 200 prominent citizens greeted her. She stayed at the Coronado Hotel, which refurbished its entire 14th floor just for the queen and her entourage.

**1930** The Moon Motor Company of St. Louis announced it was closing its doors. Moon cars had been made in St. Louis since 1905. The company had hoped that production of the Ruxton model would stimulate sales. But the shrewd promoter of the Ruxton gained control of the company after the old owners locked themselves inside the building. The subsequent legal battle bankrupted the firm.

**1946** Factories and stores here were closed and the streetcars were halted, due to a strike by engineers at Union Electric. They had walked out over the company's refusal to punish an employee for violating union rules.

**1947** The St. Louis County Court incorporated the town of Hillsdale. Today the community of about 1500 people is best known for the antics of chairman Dorothy Moore and its overpaid school superintendent, frequent subjects of television investigative reports.

**1955** Jack Clark was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania. He added power to those speedy Cardinal teams from 1985 to 1987. He hit one of the most dramatic home runs in Redbird history in the ninth inning of Game Six of the 1985 National League Championship series. He signed a free agent deal with the Yankees in 1988 and declared bankruptcy in 1992. Clark managed the River City Rascals during their first season.

**1967** Toll takers on the Eads and Veteran's (now King) bridges said business was off by about 50% now that the Poplar Street Bridge was open. Traffic was light on the new bridge, but was expected to increase once drivers got used to the confusing approach ramps.

**1970** The *Globe-Democrat* reported that the double-deck section of Highway 40 between 22nd Street and the Poplar Street Bridge should be open by spring. (Highway 40 dead-ended at 22<sup>nd</sup> at the time) The new section was supposed to have been opened the preceding June, but was delayed by strikes.

**1971** Joe Torre of the Cardinals was named the National League Most Valuable Player. His .363 average, 230 hits and 137 runs batted in led the league. Torre played three more seasons with the Redbirds before he was traded to the Mets. He began his managerial career with Atlanta in 1982, returning to manage the Cards from 1990 to 1995.

**1989** Alton officials were elated as the federal government turned over 26-million-dollars to help build the new Clark Bridge. The treacherous 61-year-old span was called the most obsolete bridge on any US Highway. The new \$118 million bridge opened in January 1994.

**1992** Axl Rose, of the group "Guns n' Roses," was found guilty on four counts of assault and one count of property damage stemming from the Riverport Amphitheatre riot in 1991. Rose was given two years probation and ordered to contribute \$50,000 to charities here.

**1997** A judge threw out a lawsuit by the city of St. Louis against the National Football League. The Convention and Visitors Bureau claimed the league's monopolistic practices had forced St. Louis to pay too much to attract the Rams.

**2005** Chris Carpenter became only the second Cardinal to win the National League Cy Young Award. After going 21-5 with a 2.83 ERA, he received 19 of 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Two years earlier, Carpenter had been ready to give up on baseball.